



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1630**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Giesing et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on December 3, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.